



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Establishing an Advisory Council Pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and Solicitation for Applications for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NOAA is establishing a national marine sanctuary advisory council for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary, which was designated on August 16, 2021. The council will provide advice and recommendations to ONMS regarding the sanctuary management plan and will serve as liaisons between the sanctuary and constituents and community groups. ONMS is adding the new council to the list of established national marine sanctuary advisory councils. ONMS solicits applications to fill council seats on an as needed basis and is seeking applicants for seats on the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council. This notice contains web page links and contact information for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary and application materials to apply for the newly established advisory council.

DATES: Applications for membership on the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council need to be postmarked or received by October 1, 2022.

ADDRESSES: For further information contact: Russ Green, Sanctuary Superintendent, Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary, One University Drive,

University of Green Bay-Sheboygan Campus, Sheboygan, WI 53081, or call 989-766-3359, email russ.green@noaa.gov, or fax 989-354-0144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) (16 U.S.C. 1445a) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to establish advisory councils to advise and make recommendations regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. ONMS is establishing a new sanctuary advisory council for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary to serve as a liaison with the local community and to provide guidance and advice to ONMS regarding the sanctuary management plan. ONMS is adding the new advisory council to the list of sites with open vacancies and announcing that it is soliciting applications to fill the seats of this council. Applications are due October 1, 2022.

In the following Supplementary Information section, NOAA provides details regarding ONMS, the role of advisory councils, and contact information for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

II. Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS)

ONMS serves as the trustee for a network of underwater parks encompassing more than 620,000 square miles or 1,600,000 square kilometers of marine and Great Lakes waters from Washington state to the Florida Keys, and from Lake Huron to American Samoa. The network includes a system of 15 national marine sanctuaries and the Papahānaumokuākea and Rose Atoll marine national monuments. National marine sanctuaries protect our nation's most vital coastal and marine natural and cultural resources, and through active research, management, and public engagement, sustain healthy environments that are the foundation for thriving communities and stable economies.

One of the many ways ONMS ensures public participation in the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries is through the formation of advisory councils. Advisory councils are community-based groups established to provide advice and recommendations to ONMS on issues including management, science, service, and stewardship, as well as to serve as liaisons between their constituents in the community and the site. Pursuant to Section 315(a) of the NMSA, advisory councils are exempt from the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Additional information on ONMS and its advisory councils can be found at <http://sanctuaries.noaa.gov>.

III. Advisory Council Membership

Under Section 315 of the NMSA, advisory council members may be appointed from among: (1) Persons employed by Federal or State agencies with expertise in natural resources management; (2) members of relevant regional fishery management councils; and (3) representatives of local user groups, conservation and other public interest organizations, scientific organizations, educational organizations, or others interested in the protection and multiple use management of sanctuary resources. 16 U.S.C. 1455a(b).

The charter for each advisory council defines the number and type of seats and positions on the council. The advisory council charter for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary identifies the following non-governmental voting seat types: Citizen-at-Large, Diving/Dive Clubs/Archaeology, History, Heritage and Public Interpretation, Education (K-12), Education (Higher Education), Tourism and Marketing, Economic Development, Fishing, Recreation, and Maritime Industry. Additionally, the council will also have non-voting seats for: United States Coast Guard, Ozaukee County, Sheboygan County, Manitowoc County, Kewaunee County, City of Port Washington, City of Sheboygan, City of Manitowoc and City of Two Rivers.

Recognizing the cultural significance of this area to American Indian Nations and Tribes, ONMS welcomes the participation of interested Nations and Tribes on the

advisory council. This could involve multiple Nations and Tribes. Nations and Tribes interested in participating in the advisory council should contact the sanctuary superintendent. Participation on the council does not take the place of government-to-government consultation nor does it serve as the only opportunity for engagement between NOAA and American Indian Nations and Tribes.

For each of the existing advisory councils, applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; views regarding the protection and management of marine or Great Lakes resources; and possibly (though not required) the length of residence in the area affected by the site. Council members and alternates for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council serve two or three-year terms, as reflected in the signed charter.

More information on advisory council membership and processes, and materials related to the purpose, policies, and operational requirements for advisory councils can be found in the charter for a particular advisory council

(https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/management/ac/council_charters.html) and the National

Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Implementation Handbook

([https://nmssanctuaries.blob.core.windows.net/sanctuaries-](https://nmssanctuaries.blob.core.windows.net/sanctuaries-prod/media/archive/management/pdfs/2010-ac-handbook-appendices-07162015.pdf)

[prod/media/archive/management/pdfs/2010-ac-handbook-appendices-07162015.pdf](https://nmssanctuaries.blob.core.windows.net/sanctuaries-prod/media/archive/management/pdfs/2010-ac-handbook-appendices-07162015.pdf)). For

more information about the new advisory council for the Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast

National Marine Sanctuary, including seat descriptions and application materials, please

visit <https://sanctuaries.noaa.gov/wisconsin/involved>.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act

ONMS has a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number (0648-0397) for the collection of public information related to the processing of ONMS national marine sanctuary advisory council applications across the National Marine

Sanctuary System. Establishing a sanctuary advisory council for Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary fits within the estimated reporting burden under that control number. See <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRASearch> (Enter Control Number 0648-0397). Therefore, ONMS will not request an update to the reporting burden certified for OMB control number 0648-0397.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate, or any other aspect of this data collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, 1305 East West Highway, N/NMS, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq., unless that collection of information displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number is #0648-0397.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.

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